REMARKS

Claims 2-6, 10-19, 23, and 29-30 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 22 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 1, 7-9, 20-22, 24-28, and 31-32 are pending.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 7-9, 20-22, 24-28, and 31-32 under 35 U.SC. \$103(a) as being unpatentable over Want et al (U.S. Patent 6,008,727) in view of Armstrong (U.S. Patent 5,461,385) in further view of Jaeger (U.S. Patent 6,564,620).

Claims 1 has been amended to recite that "the output device is configured to provide the sensory-perceptible output when the transponder is under power and to not provide the sensory-perceptible output when the transponder is not under power." The specification provides support for the amendment to claims 1, including without limitation in the first full paragraph on page 19.

None of the references, neither individually, nor in conjunction, teach that "the output device is configured to provide the sensory-perceptible output when the transponder is under power and to not provide the sensory-perceptible output when the transponder is not under power" as recited in amended claim 1. It is therefore believed that claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 7-9, 20-21, and 31 depend from claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

Claim 22 has similarly been amended to recite that "the sensory-perceptible output is provided when the transponder is under power and wherein the sensory-perceptible output is not provided when the transponder is not under power" and is believed to be allowable for the reasons described above.

Claims 24-28 and 32 depend from claim 22 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

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